

Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Maryland Arts Council" be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) There is hereby created the Maryland Arts Council which shall be [an executive agency responsible to the Governor] *part of the Department of Economic and Community Development.*

(B) (i) Nine members of the Council shall be appointed by the *Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor*, for terms of three years each. Initially these nine members shall be the nine members of that body formerly known as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland, three of whom shall be appointed for terms of three years each, three for terms of two years each and three for terms of one year each, and thereafter these appointments shall be for three years each. Any member is eligible for reappointment, but after serving for two consecutive three-year terms, no member may be reappointed until the expiration of at least one year after the termination of his previous tenure. Vacancies shall be filled immediately for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term. Members shall hold office until their successor has been appointed.

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Meetings of the Council shall be called by the chairman *or the Secretary of Economic and Community Development* [at his discretion]. The Council shall meet at least four times annually.

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The Council shall have the power and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this subtitle *and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development*, including but not limited to the following:

(a) Continuing all programs and activities and assuming all assets, liabilities, contracts, leases and other such obligations of the body formerly known as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland.

(b) Adopting reasonable rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subtitle.

(c) Employing an executive director and an assistant director both of which are unclassified positions and such administrative, technical, consultative and other personnel as it deems appropriate at such salaries as may be provided in the annual State budget.

(d) Entering into contracts and agreements.

(e) Engaging services.

(f) Requesting and obtaining from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the State, such assistance and data as will enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties hereunder.